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Yau Ma Tei .....dep.	6.51	8.45	9.25	10.38	12.09	1.27	4.43	5.27
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Tai Po .....dep.	7.17	9.11	9.51	11.04	12.34	1.52	5.08	5.52
Tai Po Market .....dep.	7.22	9.16	9.56	11.09	12.39	1.57	5.13	5.57
Fanning .....dep.	7.33	9.27	10.07	11.20	12.50	2.06	5.23	6.07
Sheung Shui .....dep.	7.38	9.32	10.12	11.25	12.55	2.10	5.27	6.11
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### SCOTTISH SPORT. RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP STRUGGLE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Edinburgh, February 12th.  
Glasgow Academicals suffered their  
second defeat in the Championship this  
season at the hands of Heriot's F.P.'s by  
10 points to 6. As a consequence the  
Academicals drop to second place in the  
table, leaving the Glasgow High School  
with pride of place, for the time being at  
least. The final destination of the Cham-  
pionship is still uncertain, for though Glas-  
gow High School F.P.'s are in a strong  
position, they have still to meet Heriot's  
and Glasgow Academicals either or both of  
which games may easily deprive them of  
the coveted honour. The Academicals, on  
the other hand, have to meet the Watsonians  
in Edinburgh and another defeat for  
them is not outside the bounds of possi-  
bility. In the game last week at Glasgow  
Heriot's once again demonstrated to the  
full that wonderful stamina and never-  
say-die spirit which won them the Cham-  
pionship last season. Full of vitality from  
start to finish, they put up a wholehearted  
defence in the first half against the Aca-  
demical onslaughts, and in the second  
turned the tables successfully on the home  
side, and won on their merits. To their  
forward chief credit must be given. Glas-  
gow High School had an easy win over  
West of Scotland—40 points to 0. Wat-  
sonians were hard put to it before they  
overcame Edinburgh University by 14 to  
11. It was a grand struggle, and their  
three-quarters pulled them through. It  
was expected that the Royal High School  
F.P. forwards would at least give a good  
account of themselves against Stewart's  
College F.P. in their return game, but the  
latter resorted to their superiority in the  
most pronounced fashion—56 to 0. Selkirk  
defeated Edinburgh Wanderers by 9 to 5,  
and Institution F.P.'s were successful  
against Kelvinside Academicals, 15 to 0.

On the Borders, Gala drew with  
Hawick, Jedford overran Langholm,  
and Kelso beat Melrose.

In the Schools Championship Merchiston  
Castle defeated Edinburgh Academy.

#### SECOND ROUND OF CUP-TIE.

The second round of the Cup-tie pro-  
vided no great surprises, but if it proved  
rather drab in colour, there will be some  
bright episodes when the third round is  
reached. Of the 16 matches, the meeting  
of St. Mirren and Rangers provided most  
of the excitement. Rangers, who were the  
best all-round side, came out victors,  
though their forwards did not show their  
accustomed combination. Dundee and  
Raith Rovers had a drawn game, the play  
of both being of a poor standard. Alloa,  
a Second League Club unexpectedly shared  
honours with Hibernians, last season Cup  
finalists. The Hibernians have recently  
shown form which caused them to be  
bracketed with Rangers for the Cup, but in  
the absence of their best forward they had  
difficulty in warding off defeat. Ayr  
United defeated Kilmarnock.

#### SPORT NOTES.

Only three Scottish clubs contribute  
players to the Scottish Association seven-  
teens to go to Wales, the Rangers, Hibernians,  
and Airdrieonians. The Rangers have five  
men in the side and the other two clubs  
one each.

Expert criticism is satirised by the  
results of the international matches up to  
the present. Every contest, so far, has  
ended very differently from "popular anti-  
cipations." Few were prepared for Scot-  
land's defeat at the hands of France on  
New Year's Day; fewer still dared to  
think of an English victory at Swansea;  
in spite of the long journey France had to  
undertake to Dublin—1,500 miles, it is  
said—even the most optimistic Irishman  
did not fancy the prospects of his team  
against the victors of Scotland; whilst to  
crown all, Wales at Inverleith received  
one of the greatest defeats in the records  
of Rugby football. It used to be said that  
cricket was the most uncertain of games,  
but football is fast dethroning it in that  
respect.

### THE NEW PHILOSOPHY. SCIENCE AND THE EXTERNAL WORLD.

Professor Graham Kerr, addressing the  
Royal Philosophical Society in Glasgow on  
February 12th, referred to the need of  
defining in plain terms the attitude of  
scientific workers towards some of the great  
problems of philosophy. The doubts of  
the old-fashioned philosophers as to whe-  
ther the external universe had any real  
existence had ceased to exist as soon as it  
became possible to predict that a definite  
sensory impression—say, the appearance of  
Saturn and his rings—could be obtained a  
year hence by directing a telescope to one  
precise spot in the heavens and looking  
through it at one precise moment of time.  
Science showed, however, that our men-  
tal picture of the external world was quite  
inadequate, and therefore misleading. We  
thought of the world of sound, and we  
thought of Nature as a wonderful sym-  
phony; we conceived of the wonderfully  
beautiful world of colour. But science  
showed that the universe was actually a  
universe of eternal silence and black dark-  
ness, through which surged pulses and  
waves of matter or ether. We happened  
to have a particular type of sense-organ,  
the ear, tuned to catch an insignificant  
little proportion of the pulses of matter,  
and out of these it was able to produce in  
our mind the sensation of sound. We had  
another sense-organ, the eye, so tuned as  
to take in about the one-fortiethousand-  
millionth part of the known extent of  
Nature's mighty gamut of ether waves,  
and out of these it produced in our minds  
the sensations we called light and colour.  
On such ridiculously inadequate founda-  
tions were built not only our whole concep-  
tion of the external universe, but also our  
whole system of aesthetics—our ideas of  
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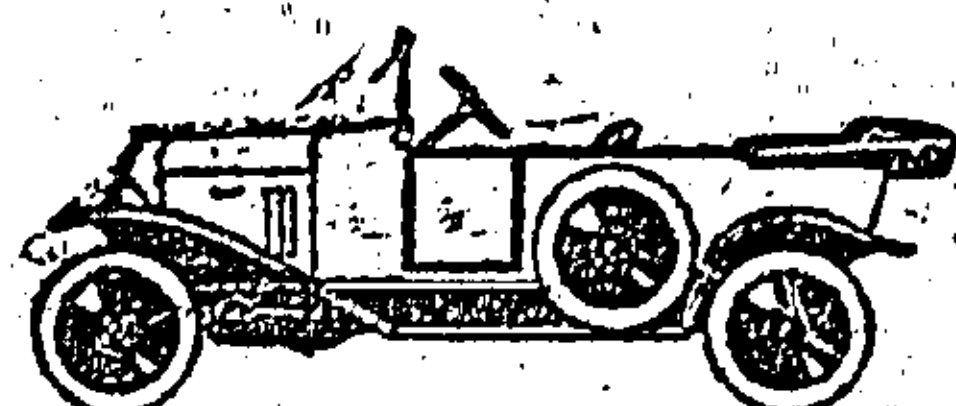
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Abandonment of the foreign trade business by our bankers is seen by financial writers in the retirement of the Asia Banking Corporation and its absorption by the International Banking Corporation, which is now left practically alone in the field. The situation is symptomatic of foreign trade conditions we read in the news columns of the New York Journal of Commerce, and represents a distinct change from the ideas generally held "when our export prospects were still considered flourishing and there was a belief that we should succeed in taking over a considerable fraction of the trade and finance which had for many years centred around London. As things now stand, the trend is wholly in the opposite direction, and branch banking activities have been shifting from the foreign to the domestic field." This decision on the part of our bankers, we read on, has been "unfavourably received abroad, as it greatly curtails access to our markets on the part of foreign exporters, who want to use American capital in developing business or increasing investments abroad."

In its editorial discussion of the trend away from foreign banking The Journal of Commerce says it is not altogether strange that our bankers should have left a field which showed no immediate profit, and yet it hints that the time may come when they will regret it. It expects a return of normal trade conditions in Europe, and when this happens, and we have foreign banking facilities, we will have to depend on the foreign banks, with results that may not always be satisfactory.

While it is easy enough to understand and sympathise with the policy of those bankers who find it necessary to cut their losses and reduce their overhead, and to see no reason why they should continue in a field which for the most part holds out risk and does not furnish corresponding promise of advantage, the general situation is none the less regrettable. We are evidently "scrapping" an important equipment of trade-machinery which is certain to be wanted at some time in the future, even if not very active to-day. When the time comes that we feel the need of it, we shall, as before, find ourselves without the necessary resources. The opportunity provided by recent legislation will still be open, but we shall have to make an entirely new beginning in acquainting ourselves with its proper uses.

But to another writer on business and finance, the abandonment of the foreign field seems perfectly natural and desirable. As the writer of the Chicago letter on the Philadelphia Public Ledger's financial page tells the story of the experiment in foreign trade financing, now apparently at an end:

Authorization for the establishment of foreign branches of American banks was given in the Federal Reserve Act, and the war gave impetus to foreign branches and the organization of banks for foreign trade. The movement was of both kinds. Several of the larger banks established branches as stockholders in the organization of banks and foreign agencies. Many banks joined as stockholders in the organization of banks for foreign trade. There was great hubbub and keen competition. The pioneering was not successful. The griefs and losses were many and heavy, and the present situation shows few survivors and lost enthusiasm.

The reasons are not so easy to discover. Whether inexperience or the business dislocations incident to after-war trade or both were among the reasons is a matter of opinion. However, there always seemed to be one great defect. The fashionable idea that foreign trade could and would be developed if the banking facilities were provided was an exact reversal of the normal order of development. Banking is a result of business, not a cause of it. Banks as pioneers in business development are rare. The cocktail may have followed the flag, as George Ade testified, but banking follows business.

The failure of most of the foreign trade banks to justify themselves either by service or profits recalls with emphasis the grand culminating plan of the entire movement—the organization of one great foreign trade bank with a capital of \$100,000,000. Only the prophets are privileged to say what might have happened had it ever been organized, but it might have been disastrous. As it is the country is well over the fad. It has had a bitter and costly experience, but the experience may well be worth all it cost.

**SAYINGS OF A WEEK.**

The present phase of Russia might be called a gradual reversion to Capitalism.—A. G. Marshall (Managing Director of Beers, Ltd.).

Trade has always been the greatest agent of civilization, and also the most faithful harbinger of the progress of mankind.—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

Britain has been the greatest trading country and that has led to the power and force of her voice in the councils of the nations.—Mr. S. M. Bruce.

How often in the last hundred years, in the imagination of men of weak knees and little faith, has this country been on the verge of ruin.—Mr. Asquith.

It is just the bankrupt countries of Europe which are clinging with almost pathetic faith to the ideal of a return to gold.—Westminster Bank "Review."

If confidence in British stability, British common-sense, and British credit is seriously shaken, traders in the farthest corners of the world will modify their activities.—Sir Eric Geddes.

For some little time there have been indications that the depression in trade has passed its lowest point and symptoms of improvement have been visible. These signs are now becoming more distinct.—Midland Bank "Review."

If we are to maintain the great prestige of British commerce, we must see to it that those engaged in it have as full a knowledge of the technique of commerce as their rivals. For commerce is no longer a haphazard affair, but calls nowadays for a cultured intellect and a great power of mental concentration.—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

**COMPANY REPORT.**

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The report of the Board of Directors to be presented at the second ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders states:—

Your Directors herewith submit a Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the half-year ended on the 31st December, 1923.

After writing off \$11,388.00 for depreciation, which is charged in the Working Account, the Profit and Loss Account for the half-year shows a credit balance of \$12,489.07. The adverse balance of \$47,226.18 as on the 30th June, 1923, is therefore reduced to \$34,737.11, which amount it is proposed to carry forward to next year.

The estimated value, on the 31st December, of Works in Progress on that date, as shown by the Balance Sheet, amounted to \$603,097.34. In arriving at this figure, credit has been taken for a proportion of the accrued profits on certain contracts nearing completion, but in the case of one contract, which is not expected to cover expenses, the value has been written down accordingly.

Directors.—Mr. J. H. Taggart resigned from the Board on the 8th February last, and the vacancy has not yet been filled. The Hon. Sir C. Paul Chater and Mr. J. Scott Harston retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts for the half-year have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Chartered Accountants, who, being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

The report is signed by Mr. Robt. Sheehan as Chairman.

**DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENT.**

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews advise us that the annual general meeting of the Gula Kalumpung Rubber Estates, Ltd., will be held in London on April 8th. The Share Register will be closed from Monday, the 24th March, 1924, to Friday, April 11th, 1924, both days inclusive.

The balance at credit of profit and loss account is £56,678 16s. 4d., from which it is proposed to pay a dividend of 2/- on fully paid shares, and 5d. on partly paid shares, less income-tax at the rate of 4/11 in the pound, subject to confirmation at the annual general meeting, to all shareholders registered on April 5th and bearer coupons No. 21, dividend payable on and after April 15th.

It is proposed to carry to Reserve Fund £10,000, and to carry forward £2,941 10s. 0d.

**PENSIONS FOR EX-PREMIERS.**

MR. MACDONALD AND SIMPLE LIFE.

A personal opinion, the Central News says, was given on February 7th by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald on the question of pensions for ex-Premiers. "I would be perfectly happy," he said, "to resume my former private life on a small income. I detest the idea that a man cannot serve his country in its highest offices without an income of several thousand pounds a year. The expenses are, of course, enormous, but on demitting office why not go back to the simple life, with its porridge and plainness? It is a great mistake to make public service an avenue for an extravagant manner of life."

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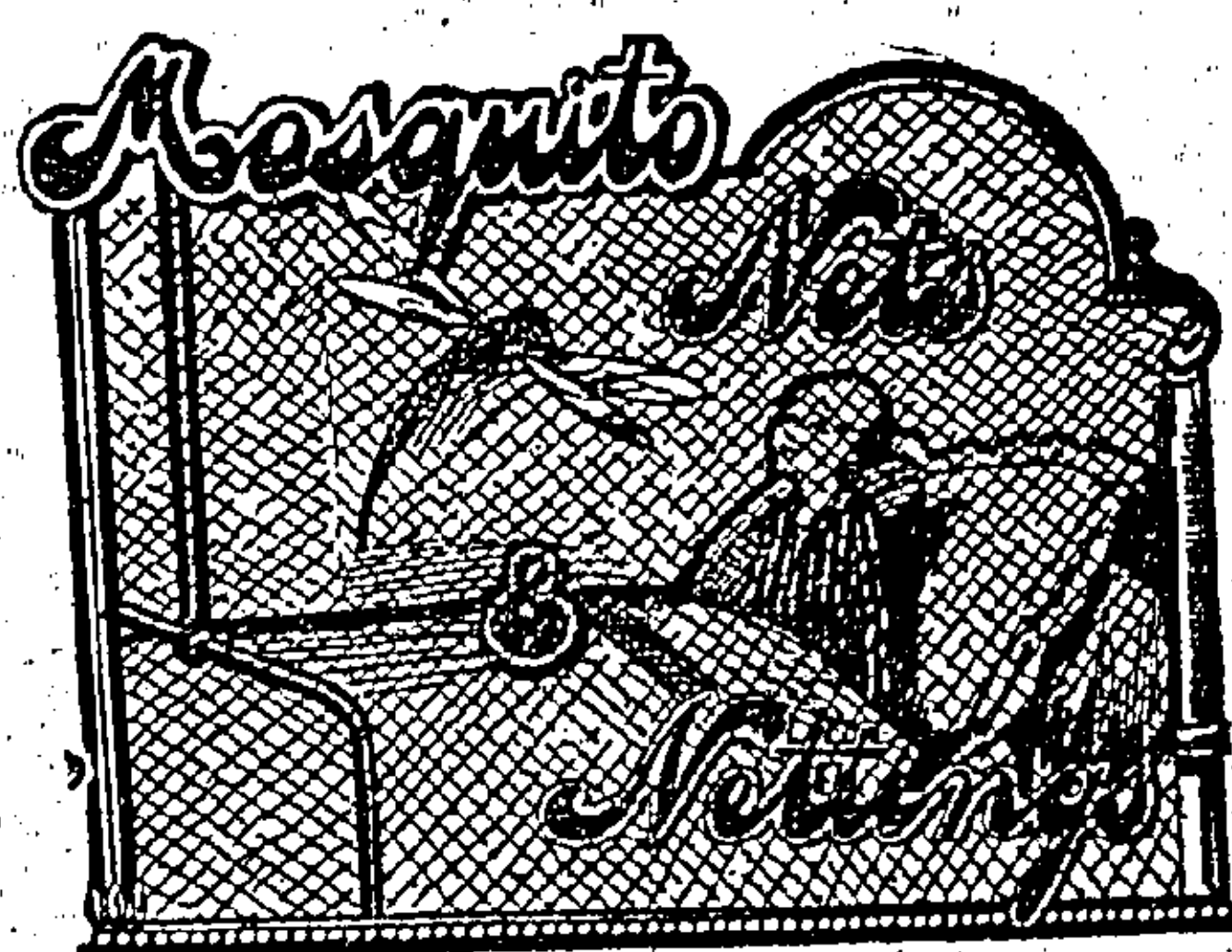
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THE LIFE OF A MISSIONARY.  
A ROUND-ABOUT JOURNEY TO KWEILIN.

The Rev. H. S. Bailey, who acted as incense burner at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, while the Vicar (the Rev. G. Reginald Lindsay) was on leave last year, and afterwards went to Kweilin, Kwangsi, where he is a member of the Church Missionary Staff, contributes an interesting letter to the St. Andrew's parish magazine from which the following excerpts are made.

After referring to his marriage in October last, and to a fortnight spent in the bungalow at Shatin Pass, he writes: "As soon as that was over we had to sail to Shanghai in order to get to our destination, Kweilin by that route. We had to come all that long way round in order to avoid the West River from Hongkong, because that river was, and is still, infested with brigands. And it was a lucky escape, because all the Americans were robbed on their return to Kweilin that way."

After an uneventful trip up the Yangtze we reached Hankow on October 29th, and we had to stay there a week before we received news that the way was clear on to Chung-sha. Up to that time there had been fighting between Chung-sha and Yungchow and some of the members of our Mission had been very narrow escapes. Miss Santer, whom some of you know, and Miss Pim, had their heads riddled with bullets while they lay on their faces for four hours in terrible suspense. In view of this my wife and I were extraordinarily lucky to find the whole way cleared up as we proceeded. After a river steamer to Chang-sha we went by houseboat to Yungchow via Singan and Hengchow. On the long journey, which is delightful for the novelty of its experience and the beauty of the river scenery we passed through, we were lucky to be accompanied by the other members of our Mission, because they know the way so well and were thus able to help us out of very many difficulties in which we would otherwise have been involved. I tried my hand at poling our boat one day and fell in. I think that was a more exciting moment for my wife than it was for me when she saw me disappear.

After we left Yungchow we had a different kind of experience. We had to travel for six days across country in chairs—putting up at nights in the filthiest Chinese Inns. These latter are, I hope, the very worst experience in a Missionary's life in China. They really are appalling for their dirt and darkness and evil smells. We reached Kweilin exactly a week before Christmas Day.

And now we have been here for two months and I can assure you it is a great thing to have the touch of beauty and comfort to one's home in the midst of so much that is sordid and grimy in a heathen city such as Kweilin.

To those of us who have been brought up in a civilized country from infancy, life in a heathen city is full of wonder and amazement. That men should, in this twentieth century, remain in such a backward stage would be unbelievable were it not that the thing is here before one's very eyes. Here, in Kweilin, men and women down every narrow street live lives which are not far removed from the lives of the pigs and chickens which share their mud floors. And there are instances of cruelty and unkindness here which would be beyond the power of more animals to practice. Only this morning there was brought to my sister's hospital an old man. He had been thrown out into the street by his neighbours to die. And Sister Santer found him in the street as she passed by and had him brought into the hospital. Within twenty-four hours he died. A little girl in hospital suffering from a foul disease had tears in her eyes when she heard her mistress discussing the possibility of having her sold because she had contracted this disease.

What a contrast are the glories of nature! Along the river bank here are scenes which are equal to some of our prettiest country scenes in England. The country around Kweilin has a peculiar geological formation. Arising all around straight out of the earth are huge rocky bluffs. These lend a sense of relief to the vision. They lift our eyes from the abject poverty and the low and sordid human filth and sin. In these great bluffs, at least, we see something of the earth as God made it. And yet even to God's great natural world men give their own nature imagination and beauty: God's glory. On the top of these bluffs in the city are temples and in these temples are placed idols of wood—some of them painted and kept in repair—others neglected and covered with dust and cobwebs. These are typical Chinese idols of the most grotesque shapes and performing the very ugliest grimaces. And the more hideous they are the more attention they seem to attract. Judge by the number of joss sticks there are about. Perhaps these idols are personified devils more than gods, and by paying them such attentions perhaps they hope to ward off their evil influences. In one such place there is a stone baby. This baby has been rubbed smooth and shiny by the Mothers who bring their babies to it, and with the pretence that the baby suffers pain they rub the corresponding part of the stone baby. Imagine devoting these rocky heights to such vain practices as that! For these ugly dolls men are neglecting the God who is Almighty and Everlasting.

## SAIGON RICE MARKET.

Messrs. Wm. G. Hale & Co., Ltd., of Saigon, in their circular dated March 10th say: "As might be expected, during the last fortnight our market dropped heavily and soon arrived at the same figures as quoted in November-December for March shipment. Some business has been done for prompt shipment, principally in Broken No. 1 and 2 with Java, and No. 1 Round with Japan. With Europe it has been practically impossible to come to business owing to the too large fluctuations in exchange which have taken place lately. Within the past two days our market has become firmer, and closes very steady with an upward tendency. The harvest is now in full activity and the outlook is, as expected, quite satisfactory. The arrivals of paddy from the interior have been very poor during the past few days, dealers expecting better prices."

## MACAO NOTES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

## MACAO'S DRINKING WATER.

Although Colonel A. A. Trigo is proceeding as rapidly as possible with his scheme to secure a water supply for Macao it will be some little time before the works can be completed. Macao is developing very rapidly and it is doubtful if the new scheme will be able to furnish an adequate supply of water, especially during times when there is no rainfall for any great length of time.

As is well known, Macao has derived its supply of drinking water, apart from a few springs in Macao, from the Chinese island of Lappa. Whenever any misunderstandings arose with the Chinese this source of supply was cut off. In the past the conditions under which the water was procured and delivered were not all that could be desired. The authorities in Macao have now granted a concession to supply water to the Yuen Chai Sing Kee Water Supply Company, which is financed by wealthy people in Hongkong. The managing director is Mr. J. D. Watt, a very progressive and enterprising Chinese, who was educated in America. He has already made many important improvements in the water supply.

The water is secured from Lappa at a place called Ngan Hang where a reservoir has been constructed, and where another reservoir will also be constructed. Hereafter the water was holed into the junks which carry it across to Macao. Mr. Watt has now installed pumps with a view to prevent pollution and is constructing pipes to lead the water direct from the reservoirs to the tanks on the junks. Likewise the arrangements for discharging the water in Macao have been improved. Coolies no longer are permitted to stand in the tanks to bale out the water. Pumps are now used for the purpose.

At present the water is carried by coolies for distribution to the various houses, but Mr. Watt will soon be serving the water out by water-wagons which will call from house to house—an improvement which will be very thankfully welcomed by the people of Macao. As soon as the company is operating satisfactorily the price of water will be reduced from 5 cents to 3 cents per load.

The Company now desires to secure permission to construct concrete tanks at various points near the water front to facilitate the storing and delivery of water and is petitioning the Government to grant the necessary concessions of land.

## MACAO OPIUM MONOPOLY.

Tenders for the control of the Opium Monopoly in Macao will be received in Macao in a month or so.

## PORTUGUESE MINISTER AT JAPAN.

Sr. Alfredo Casanova, Consul for Portugal in Shanghai, has been appointed Portuguese Minister at Japan.

## GOVERNOR'S DEPARTURE.

The exact date for the departure of His Excellency the Governor on furlough has not been fixed and the office to administer the Government during the Governor's absence has not yet been appointed.

ADMIRAL TOGO'S FLAGSHIP  
"MIKASA."

POPULAR MOVEMENT TO SAVE IT FROM THE SCRAP HEAP.

What the *Victory* means to the British, the *Mikasa* means to the Japanese, writes Reuters Tokyo correspondent.

This sentiment has evoked a desire on the part of certain Japanese to save Admiral Togo's flagship from the scrap heap, to which she is doomed by the terms of the Washington Disarmament agreement. For some time past a modest, yet persistent movement has been going on in the Press and elsewhere to preserve the hulk of the battleship for the nation as a memento of Admiral Togo's naval victory in the Japan Sea. It cannot be said to have gathered much weight, yet its supporters have lost none of their enthusiasm, and a few days ago they appealed to the American Ambassador to assist them towards the realization of their aim.

Replying to a delegation, which interviewed him on this matter, Mr. Woodley (the American Ambassador), promised to do what he could to obtain the consent of the American Government to the *Mikasa's* preservation.

This is necessary in view of the provisions of the Disarmament Agreement, and it will be further obligatory on the promoters of the campaign to secure the approval of the other parties to the conference, Great Britain and France. It is understood that an approach to these two Powers will shortly be made through their respective Ambassadors here.

Meanwhile the Navy Department remains aloof, and has no doubt, but firmly determined to take no part in a movement that might tend to create through any impression that Japan was attempting to evade the terms of the treaty. The original plan of the Navy officials was to mount portions of the flagship's armour on plinths and to distribute them among schools and public institutions, but in view of the large movement, this is temporarily in abeyance.

Even if the Powers' consent to the saving of the battleship is secured, it is considered extremely doubtful if anything can be done to put her into a condition suitable as a memorial.

At the present moment she lies aground near the site of the ruins of the Engineering College at Yokosuka, half filled with water and stripped of all her armaments. She was in process of being dismantled in the harbour, when the earthquake of last September damaged her so seriously that she began to sink. In order to save her from sinking, she was towed to her present position, and it is the intention of the Navy to proceed during the next twelve months with her complete reconstruction, at least the present popular movement succeeds in saving her as a national memorial.

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## CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[BEFORE HIS HONOUR THE PRINCE JUDGE (MR. JUSTICE COMPTON).]

## THE LANTAO POISONING CASE.

The case in which a Lantao country woman is charged with having poisoned her husband, was continued yesterday morning at the Criminal Sessions.

Mr. Campbell Prosser, defending the prisoner, continued his cross-examination of Mr. E. R. Dovey, the Government Analyst. He put several questions to him regarding the chemical reactions, expectable from various alkaloids, warning him to be careful in his replies because if necessary, Counsel threatened, he would subpoena every physiologist in this Colony to go into the box.

Mr. Dovey said the animal test of alkaloids was beset with many pitfalls, one of which was the difficulty of administration.

Mr. Prosser suggested that Mr. Dovey was not a competent judge of relative toxicity because he possessed no knowledge of physiology, nevertheless, Mr. Dovey's opinion was the opinion upon which the verdict of the Jury—if they brought in a verdict of "guilty"—must be founded.

His Lordship said he should tell the Jury that it was an inference which might be drawn by a layman and that it was for them to find on that point and for no other reason.

Mr. Prosser: We should have a physiologist here on that point. I should like to know what is his idea of these toxic experiments.

Mr. Prosser went on to say that he desired to put his case as fairly as possible before Mr. Dovey left the Colony. He was proceeding to outline the defence when his Lordship interrupted, remarking that Mr. Prosser's remarks amounted to an address to the Jury.

Mr. Prosser: I hope I am not doing that, because if I did I should forfeit my right to address them later, which would be a calamity.

His Lordship: Then why are you addressing me now at such length?

Mr. Prosser: I want Dr. Minnett recalled on a point of physiology.

The acting Attorney-General expressed his readiness to recall Dr. Minnett who was sent for.

Giving evidence, Tse Shing-fat said the deceased was his adopted son who married the prisoner two years ago. One child was born but died when only a few days old.

The Attorney-General: He was the man who died towards the end of the last Chinese year.

The witness: Yes, he was murdered by his wife.

Continuing, witness said the prisoner and his wife lived near to the house where he lived. The prisoner was always quarrelling with her husband. She used to say to him: "Are you very handsome and very graceful? I will poison you with a dose of poison."

On January 26th when he arrived back at 3 p.m. he found the deceased in pain. He appeared stunned and was rolling on the floor. He put new clothes on deceased and he died at 3 p.m.

Mr. Pollock: It is the custom among Chinese to put new clothes on a person about to die?

The witness: Yes. At this stage Dr. Minnett arrived in Court and he was placed in the witness-box.

Mr. Prosser: Do you agree that one of the qualities of an alkaloid is its toxicity?

Dr. Minnett: Yes, but there are non-poisonous alkaloids.

Mr. Prosser: If two alkaloids showed the same chemical reactions, do you agree that one might be toxic and one safe? I couldn't say. The chemistry of alkaloids is extremely complicated. If given two specimens of alkaloid whose chemical reactions were the same and he was asked to test for toxicity he would try them on animals.

You say that every case was taken with the three animals when the test was tried, but supposing you made the test on six animals, three of which died and three recovered what would you do?—I should look at the doses I had administered.

Mr. Prosser repeated the question and Dr. Minnett replied: "I should come to no other conclusion than that one of the alkaloids was toxic and the other was not, but I should want to go further into a case like that."

Tse Shing-fat, recalled, said that he was very fond of the deceased. If he was not he would not have bought him. Now they had no son, and were left alone in the world. He denied the suggestion made by the prisoner that he and his wife were responsible for the young man's death. "There is no such thing in this world," added the witness, "as a parent who does not want a child."

Mr. Pollock: It is also suggested that you then tried to put the blame on to the prisoner.

That is for the learned Judge to investigate.

Cross-examined by Mr. Prosser, the witness said that the population of the village was between 20 and 30. The village, at the time when deceased died, was not deserted, as a number of the villagers came back for their mid-day meals.

Witness denied Mr. Prosser's contention that it was the prisoner's custom to stay away from the house all day, witness said that she came home regularly. He denied that his wife and the prisoner frequently quarrelled, adding that his wife was not of a quarrelsome nature.

The wife of the last witness said that the deceased was treated as her son. She emphasised this by adding that she had paid for him, which was all the more reason why she should treat him well. (Laughter.) There may have been occasional quarrels between witness and deceased but these were happily settled and they were on friendly terms soon afterwards. "Why should I ill-treat him?" she asked. "I wanted him to look after me when I am old."

Since the death of the child by the prisoner and deceased, over a year ago, they had not been on good terms. They quarrelled frequently and the prisoner told deceased that he was neither handsome nor graceful and that she would like to see him die. On the 24th January they quarrelled. The deceased accused his wife (the prisoner) in the following terms: "You are too lazy to chop firewood or to cook rice." She replied: "Are you very handsome or graceful? I will poison you to death with one dose of medicine." On the 26th January the deceased got up at daybreak to carry firewood. His health was good. On January 26th after 12 o'clock her son called her to come and save him. She went to his house and found him in pain and very pale.

At this point Mr. Pollock experienced difficulty in his examination of this witness.

His Lordship: I am afraid she bitterly resents being unable to say what the deceased told her.

Later she said that she ran to a neighbouring village to get goat's blood which was believed by the Chinese to be an antidote to *ho man tang* poisoning. A quarter of an hour after the deceased died, the prisoner came home with her cow. She was promptly accused of poisoning her husband, but she did not reply to the accusation. She started to run away. Witness seized her by the wrist and said: "You must come and see my son." She dragged the prisoner into the house and there said: "Look at my son." Witness searched the prisoner and found a purse containing small pieces of the poisonous leaves. These leaves had been boiled. They were damp and their colour had changed.

The case was later adjourned.

[BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP THE CHIEF JUSTICE (MR. WILLIAM REES-DAVIES).]

## A MENACE TO THE PEACE OF THE COLONY.

TWICE SENTENCED IN ONE SESSION.

Two Chinese, named Lau Chung and Liu Siu Cho, who have already been sentenced to seven years' hard labour and 15 strokes of the "cat" each this Session, for participating in an armed robbery at Sham Shui Po, were yesterday morning sentenced to further terms of imprisonment, five years and four years respectively, and five more strokes of the "cat" each for their share in another armed robbery at Portland Street, Yau-mati, when six or seven armed robbers stole jewellery and money of a total value of about \$168.

Both prisoners pleaded "Guilty" to the charge, and Mr. A. Dyer Ball for the Crown briefly related the circumstances surrounding the robbery, which occurred at a big dealer's shop on February 4th. The first prisoner was arrested on February 20th and the second three days later. "An accomplice of the robbers, still held by the police, had given evidence at the Magistrate's that the first prisoner was the ringleader, and that the second prisoner was on guard at the door during the robbery."

In reply to his Lordship it was stated that the fifteen strokes ordered in the previous case had already been administered.

His Lordship, in sentencing prisoners, said that they were both most dangerous characters. "You are a menace to the peace of the Colony." On the evidence he would draw a slight distinction in imposing sentences on the two men.

His Lordship then delivered sentence and asked Police Inspector Murphy to arrange that the five strokes of the "cat" should be administered as soon as possible, as he thought that would be the most humane course in the circumstances.

## SMART DETECTIVE WORK. WELL KNOWN CHARACTER CONVICTED.

Smart shadowing on the part of a European policeman (Sergeant Hallam) on Praya East on Monday night resulted in the arrest and subsequent imprisonment of a notorious prostitute who for some while has frequented the Wanchai area. Between 9 and 10 o'clock on the evening in question Sgt. Hallam, who was in plain clothes saw the woman, by name Mary Howard, who is of Spanish extraction, go up to a European. The European walked away from her. The woman then approached an American sailor, outside the Seamen's Institute, and spoke to him. The sailor, too, walked away. She then came up to the police sergeant, caught hold of his arm, and said, "Come to my home." As the sergeant was releasing his arm, the woman's hand brushed against his hip, and apparently she realised that he was carrying a revolver. She turned to a Chinese amah who was with her and told her that the man was a policeman. The sergeant admitted it and said he would arrest Mary Howard on a charge of soliciting. The amah thereupon struck the sergeant in attempting to effect the release of Howard, whose arm the sergeant had secured.

Before Mr. Lindell at the Magistrate's yesterday Mary Howard was accordingly charged with soliciting, and the amah with disorderly conduct. Both pleaded not guilty.

Howard, asked by His Worship how she obtained her living, said her daughter, who lived at Kowloon, kept her. When she was arrested, she alleged, she was on her way to Kowloon to visit her daughter, who was sick.

The amah said she did not understand what Mary Howard said to any men that evening. She (the amah) had been in the employ of Howard for just over a month. She denied having struck the sergeant. Sub-Inspector Aris said there was no record of any previous conviction against Howard, but she was well known to the police at Wanchai as a prostitute. She was in fact, continued the Inspector, partly responsible for the trouble that occurred recently when a respectable European woman was assaulted on the Praya by two American sailors. At the time Howard was soliciting.

Howard was fined \$30 or three weeks' imprisonment, and the amah \$10 or ten days' imprisonment. The files were not paid.

## STORY OF A GOLD CHAIN. A CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

Two Chinese—a man and a woman—were charged at the Magistracy yesterday before Mr. Hamilton with attempted conspiracy. Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for the man.

According to the story for the prosecution, the male defendant went to a firm of Chinese goldsmiths and purchased a gold chain for \$70 odd. A receipt was given for the money. The next day, it was alleged, the woman defendant went to the shop and asked the jeweller to buy the chain back again. On examination it was discovered that the chain tendered by the woman was not the one sold to the man the previous day, and was not, with the exception of the last link, gold at all. This last link, the jeweller stated, had been removed from the chain which he had sold. He was able to identify it because it was the custom of Chinese goldsmiths to stamp with their name the last link of gold chains. The woman was given in charge, and then took the police to Yau-mati, where the male defendant was also arrested. The woman, in her statement to the police, asserted that the man gave her the chain to sell. In the dock yesterday both denied ownership of the chain. At this stage the case was adjourned until Friday next.

## LOCAL ACCIDENTS.

Three accidents were reported to the police yesterday. In the first instance a Chinese boy of ten years of age was knocked down near Tai Hang village by a car said to belong to a firm of local medical practitioners; in the second an elderly Chinese female was injured on First Street by a dust cart, and in the third a Chinese received cuts whilst a bamboo fight was proceeding near the Hok Lo coolie quarters.

## WHAT MISCHIEF DOES. AMUSING COBOLNET THEATRE PICTURE.

Mischief—pure boyish mischief—is the keynote of "Rags to Riches," the big feature attraction now showing at the Coronet Theatre. Mischief it is that Corobolnet Theatre. Mischief it is that leads a wealthy young man to throw in his lot with a burglar and desert his quiet, respectable home for the perils and adventures of the underworld. However, this is mischief everyone can enjoy, for it is the mischief that lurks in every spirited child. Moreover, "Rags to Riches" was specially made for the kiddies—and the picture is sheer healthy, good fun and excitement from start to finish. For most cinema screens, plays the leading role, for he is beloved of old and young alike. Naturally, the picture would not be complete without its thrill, and this is forthcoming in a perilous leap the young scallywag makes with his burglar friend from a moving train into a lake in order to avoid capture by a gang of crooks who are after him for ransom. Everything, of course, comes right in the end, but the intervening events make a story at once amusing and exciting.

## SPORT.

## THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT. INTERESTING MIXED DOUBLES GAME.

Only three matches were played off yesterday on the Club ground and none of these were in the open events, but spectators nevertheless were provided with a very interesting Mixed Doubles match between R. E. Worthington, partnered by Miss P. Grace (—20) and F. A. Redmond partnered by Mrs. E. J. R. Mitchell (—30). The first named pair won by two sets to one.

In the first set, which went to the losers, Mrs. Mitchell played really bright tennis and it was chiefly due to her splendid back-hand driving that they won the set. In the last set Mrs. Mitchell lost that nicety of judgment which had marked the earlier ones and frequently drove over the base line. This set was keenly contested and at one stage it looked as if Redmond and Mrs. Mitchell were going to make it five all, but after many deuces had been called the set and the match went to Worthington and Miss Grace.

Redmond played good tennis throughout but the same cannot be said of Worthington who in the first set did not play up to his usual form. He improved as the match proceeded. Miss Grace in the second and third sets played very steadily but she, of course, found difficulty in returning Redmond's terrific services.

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

MIXED DOUBLES.—R. E. Worthington and Miss P. Grace (—20) beat F. A. Redmond and Mrs. Mitchell (—30), 5-6, 6-3, 6-4.

HANDICAP SINGLES "A"—R. M. Henderson (—5/0) beat D. S. Green (+3/6), 6-1, 6-0.

HANDICAP SINGLES "B"—W. Woodward (—1/6) beat C. M. Wilson (+1/6), 6-3, 6-3.

## TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

OPEN SINGLES.—Ng See Kwong v. T. Honda (stand court); D. J. Allfree v. S. H. Ismail.

HANDICAP SINGLES "A"—R. E. Worthington (—13/3) v. G. W. E. Sewell (—3/0).

HANDICAP SINGLES "B"—A. H. Peen (—1/6) v. G. D. Jilling (—2/6).

## OPEN BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

S. C. KWOK v. P. S. LEONG.

The above match in the Open Billiards Championship of the Colony was played last night when Kwok defeated Leong by 35 points in a game of 800 up. The highest breaks were: S. C. Kwok, 38, 22, 22, 22, 30, 25, 33, 22, 35, 25; P. S. Leong, 43, 27, 20, 34, 23, 22, 23, 43.

## CRICKET.

GARRISON CRICKET LEAGUE FINAL.

R. E. v. 88th CO., R.G.A.

The final tie in the Garrison Cricket League between The Royal Engineers and 88th Co., R.G.A. will be played at Happy Valley, next Saturday, commencing at 2 p.m. prompt. The umpires will be Capt. W. C. Kent and 2nd-Lieut. T. Buckle, 1st Bn., East Surrey Regiment. Lady Fowler has kindly consented to present the Cup and Medals to the winners after the match. Tea will be provided for the players and other members of the Garrison.

## FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. v. H.M.S. "DESPATCH."

Owing to the Shield match on Saturday, the Club have arranged to play their league match with H.M.S. "Despatch" on the Club ground this evening, kick-off at 8.15 p.m. The following will represent the Club:—G. Rodger; H. T. Buxton and C. E. Bishop; D. Lyon, A. Mair and G. Angus; Ferguson, A. S. Forsyth (capt.), J. Stewart, H. G. Howard and S. D. Begg.

H.M.S. "Despatch" having left port, the Police have kindly consented to fulfil the "Despatch" league engagement with the Hongkong Football Club.

## YOUNG MAN'S ADVENTURE IN A TAXICAB.

The following is taken from the Vernacular Press:—

It is stated that on the night of March 20th a man, who is said to be the son of a proprietor of a Chinese shop, after attending a feast at Luen Shing Restaurant, West Point, hired a taxi in which to return home. The taxi, when near the Sailors' Home, was suddenly brought to a standstill. The chauffeur alighted and went towards the Praya. Having observed that the car was not out of order, the curiosity of the driver returning with two other men. He immediately put his hand into his pocket, as if taking out a pistol, and demanded of the chauffeur the reason for this sudden and unexpected stoppage. The driver then got on to the taxi again and drove to Forester Street. There were four other men standing by, and they called on the taxi to stop, but the fare directed the driver to pay no heed to them as to speed up, threatening his life should he disobey. Finally, he reached home safely, and informed his friends the next day of his nocturnal experience but neglected to report the matter to the Police.

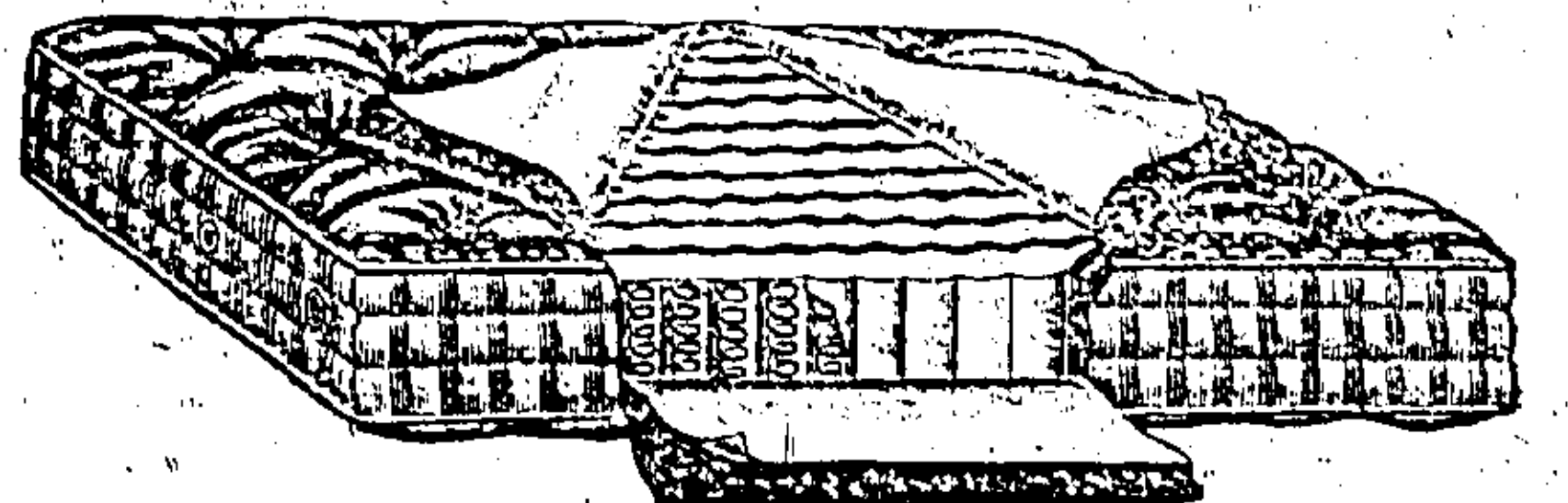
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## NOTICE.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Business of a General Broker hereof carried on by the Undersigned at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, under the Style or Firm of "WRIGHT AND HOSNEY" will, as from 1st day of APRIL, 1924, be carried on by them under the Style or Firm of TESTER AND ABRAHAM.  
The Change of Name involves No Change in the constitution of the Firm, which will be continued as before.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee before Noon, TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

File of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after the 2nd April, 1924, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in on or before the 7th April, 1924, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Wednesday, 3rd April, 1924, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Godard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
R. BODENFUSHER,  
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 27th March 1924. 573

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 21st April, or they will not be recognized.  
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Hongkong, 31st March, 1924. 572

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## NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. SHERMAN, TOMES & CO., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 11th day of APRIL, 1924, at 12.00 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Half-year ended on the 31st December, 1923, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 10th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
S. COURTNEY COOK,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1924. 568

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## SALE OF R.I.M.S. "HARDINGE" AND "NORTHBROOK"

SEALED TENDERS will be received in India by the Director of the Royal Indian Marine, Bombay, in England by the Secretary of State for India, London, and in the Far East by the Commander, H.M. Dockyard, Hongkong, up to 30th APRIL, 1924, for the purchase of the Royal Indian Marine Troopships "HARDINGE" and "NORTHBROOK," with all Stores and Fittings that are on board on that Date, lying at their moorings in Bombay Harbour.

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Applications to view the Vessels may be made to the Commander of the Yard, Royal Indian Marine Dockyard, Bombay, and further particulars may be obtained from the Director of the Royal Indian Marine.

EDWARD HEADLAM,  
Captain, R.I.M.,  
Director of R.I.M. Dockyard, Bombay.

March, 1924. 569

## INTIMATIONS

DIRECTORY AND CHRONICLE FOR CHINA, JAPAN, ETC., 1924 EDITION.

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## HONGKONG FORFAIRSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

IT has been proposed to form a HONGKONG FORFAIRSHIRE ASSOCIATION. All those interested are requested to meet at No. 2, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS (GROUND FLOOR), opposite STAR PERKY, on FRIDAY, APRIL 11th, at 6 P.M.

## PUBLIC DINNER

SIR WILLIAM REES DAVIES, K.C.

IT is proposed that a DINNER should be given by the HONGKONG COMMUNITY in honour of the Departing CHIEF JUSTICE at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on SATURDAY, 12th APRIL, at 8 P.M.  
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## THE KUOMINGTANG AND THE SOVIET.

It is not very obvious what purpose was intended to be served by the Canton Government in publishing the communiqué we reproduced yesterday on the subject of the deadlock in the Russo-Chinese negotiations. True, the information is given to the world that Dr. Sun has had occasion to communicate to the Soviet agent in Canton his views on "the group of major questions awaiting settlement between China and Russia," and that these views, subsequently "elaborated into a body of doctrine relating to China's foreign relations" were incorporated into the official programme of the Kuomintang "as defined and settled at the Party Congress which was recently held at Canton." But the communiqué leaves the reader entirely in the dark as to whether Dr. Sun's views and the Party he represents regard the attitude and action taken by the Peking Government as being at variance with the Party's views on the subject.

M. BORODIN, in his telegram, tells Dr. Sun Yat Sen that his great principle of Nationalism is in danger of being thwarted by considerations alien to the interest of the Nation. The impartial reader of the official declarations on the subject will, we venture to say, search in vain for evidence on which that assertion can be supported. In the lengthy circular which the Chinese Government telegraphed to "the Military Governors, Civil Governors, Inspectors-General, Director-General of the National Army, Tatung, etc." three important questions are enumerated as remaining in dispute.

The first relates to the Chinese Government's demand for the immediate cancellation of the treaties made between the Soviet Government and Outer Mongolia. While Russia in the draft agreement says it recognises that Outer Mongolia is an integral part of the Republic of China, and declares its respect for Chinese sovereignty over the territory, the Russian Government has

in fact entered into treaties with Outer Mongolia as an independent state and has appointed a diplomatic agent to the capital of that country, which the Chinese Government, quite rightly, contends is not in consonance with respect for China's sovereignty over the territory. M. KARAKHAN, however, has resisted the demand for the cancellation of treaties made by the Soviet Government; he is only willing that the treaties concluded under the Tsarist regime shall be declared null and void.

The second point of dispute is in regard to the Chinese Government's demand for the immediate withdrawal of the Russian troops from Outer Mongolia. The Russian representative has insisted that this cannot be done so long as the White (Tsarist) troops in the territory remain unoppressed. China desires that the clause in the agreement on this subject shall read as follows: "Russian troops shall be entirely withdrawn, the time limit for the withdrawal and the means of preserving peace on the borders of the two countries to be settled at the forthcoming formal conference."

In other words, China is asking for an unconditional withdrawal of the troops, and the demand seems but a logical sequel to Russia's recognition of Mongolia as an integral part of the Republic of China and her declaration that she respects China's sovereignty over the territory.

The third point in dispute relates to the Soviet demand that Russian churches and other immovable properties shall be handed over to the Russian Government. The Chinese Government fears that this would create a precedent which would lead to serious complications, and it is declared by the Chinese Government to be an "improper request." The nature of the difficulty in this connection is not explained in any detail in the Government's circular telegram, but what we wish to emphasise is that these three questions are declared by the Chinese Government to be the only points which remain in dispute.

Everything else in the agreement is accepted. With these facts before him we imagine Dr. Sun will have some difficulty in recognising that his "great principle of Nationalism" is in danger of being thwarted by considerations alien to the interest of the Nation, and we cannot at present see what excuse the situation affords to the Kuomintang to rise in its wrath to condemn the Peking Government for action which is nothing else but a clear affirmation of "the great principle of Nationalism" from which the Kuomintang cannot consistently withhold its support.

The total rainfall in the Colony during March, as registered at the Botanic Gardens, was 26 of an inch.

It is announced that Mr. Frank Ronald Smyth has been admitted a partner in the firm of Messrs. Vernon & Smyth, sharebrokers.

Capt. H. F. Bloxham, 2/4th Bombay Grenadiers (K.E.O.), has been granted 60 days' privilege leave, from March 25th to May 23rd, 1924.

Cerebro-spinal fever was responsible for four deaths in the Colony last week. Five cases were notified to the Medical Officer of Health.

Major T. T. Oakes is appointed to the Command of the 2/4th Bombay Grenadiers (K.E.O.), in the absence on leave of Lieut. Colonel W. B. Roberts, D.S.O.

Only 14 cases of small-pox were notified in the Colony last week. There were 12 deaths from the disease. Five further cases were reported during the week-end.

It is announced for the umpteenth time that Generalissimo Sun Yat Sen will personally inspect the East River front preparatory to the starting of "the great attack."

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., and Mrs. Kemp and son left for Home yesterday via the United States. They departed on the Admiral liner *President McKinley*.

The Secretary of the Victoria Recreation Club informs us that the boxing tournament which was to have taken place on Saturday next has been postponed to the following Saturday, April 12th.

Most of the Chinese workmen at the Kowloon Docks who were reported to have gone on strike on Monday because of the threatened demolition of certain houses in Cooke Street have returned to their duties.

A spy was shot on the East Parade Ground at Canton on Monday. It is stated that investigations proved that he had been sent to Canton from the province of Kiangsi to spy on the military movements in the interests of the North-ern armies.

H.E. the Governor has received news that Lady Stubbs arrived in Shanghai, on her return from Peking, with a high temperature. Her Ladyship was immediately placed under medical care at Mrs. A. G. Stephen's house, and found to be suffering from influenza. A reassuring report has since been received, and it is hoped that Lady Stubbs may be sufficiently recovered to leave Shanghai at the end of the week.

At the Magistracy yesterday Mr. Hamilton had occasion to refer to a sentence passed the previous day on a man who was charged with being in possession of lottery tickets. Mr. Leo d'Almada, who had represented the defendant, said he would be pleased to leave the matter in His Worship's hands. But, he added, legislation was very harsh on his clients, seeing that unrestricted gambling was allowed on the race-course!

The Bishop of Victoria, who leaves this morning, expects to be absent from the Diocese till January next. The Venerable Ernest Judd Barnett, M.A., Archdeacon of Hongkong, and the Reverend Henry Copley Moyle, M.A., Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral, have been appointed to act as Commissioners during the Bishop's absence. After visiting Australia the Bishop hopes to arrive in England in time for the Annual Reunion of the Victoria Diocesan Association to be held at the Mansion House, London, on June 17th.

Mr. Harold John Armstrong who has joined the firm of Messrs. Deacons, was admitted by the Chief Justice yesterday morning to practice as a solicitor and proctor in the Law Courts of Hongkong. The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock (acting Attorney-General) in proposing the motion of admittance, said that the certificate of fitness and character was on the file as was also a letter from the Secretary of the Law Society waiting the usual four months' notice required under the Ordinance. His Lordship granted the application and expressed the hope that Mr. Armstrong's career would be a successful one.

Classes for training Chinese as wireless telegraph operators are to be opened at the Technical Institute (Queen's College) at the end of this month. The classes will be under the control of a wireless instructor appointed by the China Navigation Co., Ltd. "British born" Chinese of 18 to 21 years of age, and recommended by the Education Department as being up to the required standard as regards knowledge of English and general education will be eligible for the classes, and students will be required to attend the class three nights per week. If the class should be a sufficient number of candidates it will probably be found possible to institute day classes in addition to the evening classes.

The Hon. Mr. E. S. Hose, British Resident of Negri Sembilan, has been appointed Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements, in succession to Sir Frederick James. Mr. Hose, says the *Free Press*, is just over fifty-two years of age and has thirty-three years of service to his credit, having been appointed a junior officer in Perak in 1891. Most of that service has been in the Federated Malay States, but he acted as a Magistrate in Singapore for five months in 1904. However, he has been in charge of many important Federal departments, Food, Labour, Agriculture, becoming Resident of Negri Sembilan two years ago. Thus he brings to the service of the Colony a ripe experience of all branches of administration, and from his father, the late Bishop of Singapore and Sarawak, he has inherited a courtesy and accessibility which are not always found in the Civil Service, though not by any means rare.

"PRESIDENT MCKINLEY" IN ANOTHER COLLISION.

As she was leaving harbour on Monday night the s.s. *President McKinley* and a junk collided close to the Kowloon Star Ferry Wharf. The mast of the junk was unhurt but otherwise no damage was done. The incident caused some excitement on the wharf and those who witnessed the collision from the water edge were under the impression that the junk was sinking and that some or all of the occupants of the small craft had been thrown into the water. Police whistles were blown furiously and the small boats in the vicinity were attracted to the scene when it was discovered that the accident was not so serious as was at first feared.

"HEUNG SHAN" SOLD FOR \$5,800.

The s.s. *Heung Shan*, which was beached on the sand off Lark's Point just over a month ago, was put up for auction at Lammer's Sale Room yesterday. Bidding started at \$1,000 and rose by small amounts to \$5,800, at which price the vessel was knocked down to a Chinese. Before the auction opened Mr. L. E. Lammer, who conducted the proceedings, stated that the ship only was being sold. All cargo still on the vessel was the property of the consignee.

HAUL OF ARMS FROM GERMANY.

A wooden case, landed on Monday at the Kowloon Godown from the s.s. *Aachen*, a German vessel from Hamburg, was found on examination by Revenue officials to contain 118 Mauser automatics and 13,800 rounds of ammunition. At the Magistracy, yesterday Mr. Hamilton made an order for their confiscation.



## CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITAIN'S SOLID FINANCE.  
IN MARKED CONTRAST TO OTHER NATIONS.

London, March 31st.

The fact that the national accounts for the year, which ended yesterday, show a surplus of £14,000,000 instead of £2,000,000, for which Mr. Baldwin budgeted, constitutes a striking contrast to the deficits of Great Britain's Continental neighbours, and confirms the sound state of the country's finances.

The surplus goes automatically to reduction of debt, which, in view of the budgetary debt provision of £30,000,000 will be reduced thereby to £16,000,000. Revenue exceeded the Budget estimates by £14,000,000 in spite of the fact that excess profits duty, which was estimated to yield £12,000,000 failed to contribute a single penny.

The fact that the yield from all other taxation items exceeded Treasury anticipations suggests that trade conditions are not so bad as the financial experts expected them to be.

Expenditure showed a reduction of nearly £25,000,000 on the estimates, the fighting forces recording a saving of £16,000,000 and the Civil Services over £12,000,000.

MUNICH TREASON TRIAL.  
PRISONERS SENTENCED.

Munich, March 31st.

Pöschner, Kriebel and Weber were also sentenced to five years' detention in a fortress. Accused were ordered to pay costs and a fine of two hundred gold marks, the prisoners to be conditionally released after six months.

The costs of the case against Ludendorff will be borne by the State.

The other accused Frisk, Roehm, Bruckner, Wagner and Pernot were sentenced to fifteen months' detention in a fortress, the payment of costs and fines of a hundred gold marks each; but they will be released immediately on undertaking to be of good behaviour until April 1st, 1925.

## ACCUSED APPEAR IN UNIFORM.

The Court was packed to suffocation

when the sentences were read, and many were unable to gain admission.

Ludendorff was in the full uniform of a general. Some of the others accused were also in uniform, wearing all their war medals and decorations.

The verdict was received quietly by the public, but the accused, especially Ludendorff were loudly cheered by the crowd outside.

## PERSIA'S REPUBLIC.

## CONTRARY TO ISLAMIC RELIGION.

TEHRAN, March 31st.

The Premier has issued a proclamation declaring the Republic contrary to the Islamic religion, and prohibiting all mention of the subject under threat of penalties.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## FRENCH AND GERMAN ELECTIONS.

## REASON FOR FRANCES LATER DATE.

London, March 31st.

Interest is deepening in the forthcoming elections in Germany and France.

The French elections are fixed for May 11th, a week later than the German election. It is stated that the date was deliberately chosen, as it is expected reactionary successes in Germany will influence the French electors in Premier Poincaré's favour. It is significant in this regard that the programme of the German People's Party, drawn up at a meeting at Hanover, presided over by Dr. Stresemann, declares that the party will fight under the old black and white colours, and hopes for the restoration of German power and greatness under the democratic monarchy.

It is noteworthy that while Dr. Stresemann is announcing his support of the monarchist programme, Chancellor Marx, speaking at Hanover, declared that the victory of the Christian and Nationalist movement in the elections would ruin Germany.

## NEW BRITISH WAR LOAN ISSUE.

## £100 OF NEW STOCK FOR £100 OF OLD.

London, March 31st.

The Government are offering holders of Five per cent. War Loan stock to convert it into a new 4½ per cent. issue, to be redeemed within 1939-44.

The terms are £100 new stock for every £100 of the old stock.

It is intended at first to convert up to £200,000,000.

## ALL-BRITISH WIRELESS AND CABLE.

London, March 31st.

The House of Commons unanimously passed a resolution sanctioning an expenditure not exceeding £100,000 to form a loan covering a period of 30 years to provide a system of an all-British cable and wireless communication with the West Indies and British Guiana, under the control of the Pacific Cable Board, replacing the agreement with the West India and Panama Telegraph Company, which expires in 1924, and under which the State paid a subsidy of £20,000 per annum.

## DUTCH LOAN.

London, March 31st.

City of Amsterdam loan dealings have commenced around about half per cent. discount.

## FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY.

## PREMIER'S STATEMENT HAS A LUKEWARM RECEPTION.

Paris, March 31st.

In the Chamber, Premier Poincaré, in the course of a Ministerial declaration, said that the Cabinet, which had been formed in a spirit of republican reunion and national concord, was determined to pursue unflinchingly the late Government's foreign policy. France would only withdraw from the Ruhr in proportion as Germany fulfilled her obligations. France was most desirous for an agreement as early as possible with the Allies and their associates on reparations and security. Immediately the Experts handed in their report, which the Government strongly hoped would lead to a speedy general settlement, the Government would be ready to seek with their friends the elements of a definitive solution; any Power subsequently seeking to disturb European order and recover lost provinces would arouse universal indignation, and those who barred the road would earn the approval of the whole world. France was not imperialist, and given that peace to which she is entitled, France will march with right toward the new sun of which the long-delayed rising is awaited feverishly by the world. At home the Government's main task would be drastic financial reform.

## NO INFLATION.

Premier Poincaré said the new Government would continue their predecessor's policy for the restoration of the devastated regions, but there must not be any inflation, since until France agreed with her creditors the situation would require prudent handling. The Government would take steps to prevent a repetition of the recent campaign against the franc. The colonial policy would be to develop the wealth of France's overseas possessions.

The Premier's statement was lukewarmly received in both Houses.

## EMPIRE EXHIBITION HITCH.

## BUILDING WORKERS' 'LIGHTNING' STRIKE.

London, March 31st.

A mass meeting of the building operative engaged on the British Empire Exhibition declared a "lightning" strike to enforce their claim for an increase of 2d. per hour.

## WORK ALMOST PARALYSED.

Work on the Empire Exhibition has

been almost paralysed. The building employees on strike are marching round the grounds stopping everything.

## HOME FREIGHT RATES.

## BIG INCREASE TO MEET DOCKERS' PAY.

London, March 31st.

The Hull shipowners announce a general increase of 7½ per cent. in freight rates to meet the increased pay of the dockers and the additional working expenses abroad.

## BRITISH WORLD FLYERS.

## HELD UP AT CORFU BY SLIGHT ENGINE TROUBLE.

London, March 31st.

A message from Corfu states that Squadron Leader A. S. C. MacLaren landed on the Gorizia Lake at the south end of Corfu on Sunday afternoon owing to engine trouble.

The intrepid airman telephoned to the British Consul stating that no assistance was required, and that he hoped he would be able to continue the flight on Monday morning.

The damage to the Valparaíso engine prevents a continuance of the flight before the spare parts, which have been telegraphed for arrive from England.

The passengers are well.

## BRITISH FLYWEIGHT TITLE.

At the National Sporting Club, in a

twenty round contest for the flyweight championship, Elly Clark, of Glasgow, beat Kid Kelly, of Plymouth, the referee stopping the fight in the twentieth round.

## 'VARSITY CREWS' PRACTICE.

## CAMBRIDGE ROW FULL COURSE TRIAL.

Oxford rowed from Hammer Smith

Bridge to the Mile Post in two minutes and fifty-three and two-fifths seconds, beating the Cambridge record of 2:34 made in 1911.

Cambridge's latest full course trial from Putney to Mortlake was negotiated in 19 min. 51 sec. in fairly good conditions.

## TRAMWAY MEN'S BALLOT.

## SETTLEMENT TERMS ACCEPTED.

London, March 31st.

The tramway men's ballot accepted the terms of settlement.

## MONSIGNOR CIEPLAK GOES TO ROME.

Rome, March 31st.

The Vatican has been informed that Monsignor Cieplak, whom the Soviet have released from prison, has departed for Rome.

## U.K. REVENUE FIGURES.

London, March 31st.

The United Kingdom revenue for the fiscal year ended March 31st was £247,000,000 compared with £244,000,000 last year. The decrease was chiefly accounted for by £49,000,000 property tax, income tax and super-tax.

Expenditure chargeable against revenue was £279,000,000 and £282,000,000, respectively.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## FRENCH INTERESTS IN THE FAR EAST.

## POSSIBILITY OF FRANCO-JAPANESE UNDERSTANDING.

Paris, March 31st.

The impending official visit of M. Merle, Governor-General of Indo-China, to Tokyo is described as a highly important political event in respect of the drawing together of France and Japan.

A prominent writer on this subject hopes the visit will mark the end of the system of separate interests in the Far East, and be the beginning of co-operation which will be profitable to French prestige and interests.

## PROPOSED DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

## JAPAN FEELS SLIGHTED.

London, March 31st.

The political observer of the *Daily Telegraph* professes to discern some resentment in political circles in Japan, owing to Mr. MacDonald, in his statements with regard to disarmament, not mentioning Japan among the Powers to which should be issued invitations to a general conference.

The writer declares that the Japanese certainly will not sincerely co-operate with any international move in which they have not been allotted the position due to their preponderant influence in the East.

## CHINESE BONDS.

## SHARP ACTION BY LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, March 31st.

The Stock Exchange notify the automatic removal of the quotations from the official list on May 2nd unless the Chinese Government fully resumes the services of the following bonds:—Chinese 1896 Fives, 1898 Four and a Half, and Hukwang 1911 Fives.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]

## LATE PRINCE KWACHO.

## FUNERAL AT TOKYO.

Tokyo, March 31st.

The funeral of Prince Kwachō, who died on March 15th, was carried out today in the presence of the Imperial Prince, members of the Cabinet, officials and members of the Diplomatic Corps.

## THREE FISHLESS DAYS.

Tokyo, March 31st.

The citizens are faced with three fishless days from tomorrow, unless mediation removes the troubles between the Municipality and the fish-dealers.

The latter have declared a strike for three days unless a new city fish market is established in Tsukiji in place of the historic market in Nishonbashi, which was destroyed by the September fire. Unless satisfaction is granted, the strike will be extended.

The Yokohama fish dealers have declared a similar sympathetic "holiday."

## LATEST CABLES.

## [REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

## U.S. INCOME TAX REDUCTIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 31st.

The Senate Finance Committee unanimously approved of the proposed 25 per cent. reduction in income taxes payable during the current year.

## MIKE MCTIGUE BEATEN.

JERSEY CITY, March 31st.

Young Stribling beat Mike McTigue on points in a twelve-round contest. No championship title was involved.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## MR. SINCLAIR INDICTED.

## WILL 'VOLUNTARILY ANSWER' ALL CHARGES.

WASHINGTON, March 31st.

Mr. Sinclair has been indicted on ten counts for contempt in consequence of his refusal to give evidence before the Senate Committee.

Each count relates to a specific question put to Mr. Sinclair before the Committee which the Federal Grand Jury held to be pertinent.

Mr. Sinclair's attorneys indicate that he will voluntarily answer the charges.

## WORLD CHESS TOURNAMENT.

## POSITIONS AT END OF FIRST HALF.

New York, March 31st.

At the end of the first half of the Chess Tournament, at the conclusion of the eleventh round, the scores stand:—Dr. Lecker, 7½/2 points; Alekhine, 6½/2; Capablanca and Reti 6; Tartakower, Bogoljubow, Maroczy, 5; Janowski, 3½/2; Edward Lasker, 3; and Yates, 2½/2.

## ALICE AND THE SOVIETS.

## A RESPECTFUL PERVERSION.

As Alice and her companions left the

Council Chamber and came out into the open air in front of the building, they were almost dazzled by the brilliancy of the mid-day sun, and they sat down for a second on what they took to be a wooden bench that was near-by.

Almost at once they were conscious that the bench had risen into the air, and was floating away from the island, at a considerable height, and at a great speed, and was gradually approaching what appeared to be a considerable city.

"Oh what fun," said Alice, "I shouldn't wonder if we have sat down on an aeroplane by mistake."

"That's better than the Tom cat that sat down on a sewing machine by mistake!" interrupted The Walrus.

And in a little time, she went on, "we shall very likely find ourselves at the capital of a neighbouring Province."

"Great Scott!" exclaimed The Carpenter.

"Who's he?" asked The Walrus.

"I suppose the Carpenter is alluding to Tom Scott, the great Commentator," said Alice, always anxious to show her intelligence.

"What's a Commentator anyhow?" demanded The Dormouse, suddenly waking up.

Alice began: "Well, a Commentator, you know, is a sort of—a kind of a—its really not very easy to explain in a few words, but if you—"

"You know what a 'tater' is," broke in the Mad Hatter rudely, and (turning upon the Dormouse) "well, a common 'tater' is the commonest sort of 'tater' there is—that's clear, isn't it?"

"Yes, that's quite clear," murmured the Dormouse dozing off again.

Whilst they had been talking the bench had planned down to an open space, by a wide river-side, and Alice, jumping down, exclaimed: "Oh, just look at that gate: it's got 'Soviet House' on it. I expect that's where the celebrated Dr. O. Wat Fun lives: I'd love to see him."

Tip-toeing gently up to the gate, she pulled a bell-handle, and was instantly answered by a most forbidding-looking individual with a gut over each shoulder and a great assortment of swords and daggers attached to a belt round his waist.

"Excuse me," began Alice politely, "but are you a Soldier or a Pirate?"

"Oh, a little of each," he answered. "Sometimes one and sometimes the other, you know." He lowered his voice.

"My real profession is that of a Pirate," he said proudly, "but I do a bit of soldiering when there's not too much fighting about"—and then went on severely: "What's it got to do with you anyhow? Are you one of those who have been trying to grab our game?"

"Oh, please don't imagine that I'm going to say anything against Pirates," replied Alice.

"Why some of the most delightful people one meets are Pirates," looked at the famous Pirates of Penzance.

"There," shouted the Pirate, snatching up his gun, which he had laid aside for a moment, and glaring round.

"I didn't mean that they are here now," explained Alice. "I was just thinking of the way they lived—taking from the poor and giving to the orphan."

"That's O. Wat Fun's idea, too," remarked The Pirate.

"Only he seems to take from everybody and give to no one," put in The March Hare.

The Pirate scowled at The March Hare, and Alice was afraid that he was going to get really angry. However, in a few seconds he turned round and went on: "pleasantry." "He's been a good friend, mind you—no scuppering except in self defence—no shooting unless you are shot at—but if you do shoot!"

"What you tell us is very interesting," remarked Alice, and she added sentimentally: "I have always said that Truth is stranger than Fiction."

"My tooth isn't stronger for fiction," murmured The Dormouse, sitting up again. "Quite the reverse."

"I didn't say anything about your teeth," snapped Alice. "You always manage to get everything mixed up."

"Well, why don't you speak plainly?" dropped The Dormouse.

Just as it appeared as if there might be quite an unpleasant little difference of opinion, The Mad Hatter suddenly came forward, and, hitching up his trousers in true sailor-fashion, began:

"Oh! Pirate! I'd a fearful fright When first I heard the news That I had got to carry arms And simply can't refuse."

"Fear not, fear not," the Brigand cried, "Death comes to every man."

"Put perfect faith in Providence And trust in O. Wat Fun!"

"Oh! Pirate! I got awful tight— Most unhandy bust— When first I thought of wife and child Boundless—without a crust."

"Take brighter views," the Pirate said, "Life over—labour done— Put perfect faith in Providence And trust in O. Wat Fun!"

"Oh! Pirate! I don't want to fight. It goes against the grain To put my life in jeopardy To perish in great pain."

"Cheer up," the Bandit said, "I'm told The death's a pleasant one; Put perfect faith in Providence And trust in O. Wat Fun!"

"That's right," said The Pirate nodding his head to the tune that The Mad Hatter had been singing, "Trust in O. Wat Fun: he knows what's best—at any rate for himself."

"Would you describe him as an Idealist or as an Egoist?" enquired Alice, turning to her friends.

"Personally, I should call him a Bad egg-ist," said the March Hare.

"He's had a first-class education," went on the pirate, reminiscently. "Went to school at your place—you know, up to all the latest ideas. Been in England, too."

"Is he any the better for that?"

queried The Walrus.

"Can you look me in the face and ask that?" demanded The Pirate indignantly. "Look you in the what?" enquired The Walrus.

"Look me in the face," repeated The Pirate.

"Goodness, I didn't know that was your face," laughed The Walrus.

"It looks better from this side," remarked The Carpenter.

"I've had a cold," grumbled The Pirate, "and I suppose it's made me look a bit pale and spotty."

"Looks to me like the white ant," said The Walrus. "Nasty things, white ants. I should try carbolic."

"Oh, but that's so highly corrosive," exclaimed Alice, "it might take off half his face."

"Well, suppose it did," grunted The Walrus.

"I had an aunt that gave me a birthday present," murmured The Dormouse. "She wasn't a nasty thing."

"That's quite a different sort of ant," objected Alice. "But you always will go wrong if you can."

"She turned to The Pirate and in her most persuasive accents asked: 'Can we see Dr. O. Wat Fun?'"

"I don't think so," replied The Pirate, looking over his shoulder. "I can't—but you know best."

"I mean," explained Alice, "can we speak to him?"

"What's your name?" demanded The Pirate.

"Alice," said Alice.

"Alice what?" asked The Pirate.

"No, not Alice Watt. Alice only," snapped The Walrus.

"Ali! Sonli," repeated The Pirate.

"May I ask if you are an Indian extraction?"

"Goodness, gracious," exclaimed Alice, "I can't follow me. I'm Alice—plain Alice."

"Well, he can see that for himself," put in The Mad Hatter.

"Anyhow, it's impossible for you to interview him," said The Pirate. "He's surrounded by P.I.—I mean Soldiers and detectives."

"But I thought he was so universally beloved and respected," exclaimed Alice.

"So he is," answered The Pirate.

"Then what are the soldiers and detectives for?" asked Alice.

"To keep his believers and respecters off," answered The Pirate, "otherwise he might perish in the crush."

"I suppose he's not entering into Nirvana, or any funny old game of that sort, is he?" enquired The Carpenter.

"Nirvana—Nirvana," muttered The March Hare, "that reminds me of something—Oh, I know, Nevada, not 'Nirvana,'" and he began to sing:

A lady who came from Nevada, Took a large dose of Canara Sagrada.

"Well, what happened?" asked The Mad Hatter.

"Nothing," replied The March Hare, and went on:

Her only reward, Was a pain like a sword, In her poor little rum-tum tarada.

"I tell you what," said The Pirate suddenly starting up. "You can try the telephone if you like."

"Oh, but I'm afraid that's not much good if it's anything like our telephone," remarked Alice. "We can never get on to the right people. However," she added, "I might try it."

She took the instrument in her hand and having rung up, began:

"Hello! Hello! Is that Dr. O. Wat Fun?—Alice speaking—Yes, quite well, thank you. Yes, we're all here—Jobs for The March Hare and The Mad Hatter!"

"What sort of job?—Generals! But, I don't think they know anything about fighting—Not necessary—Oh, well, of course, that makes a difference. The Dormouse—no, you can't have him; he's just got a job in the Government Service at Hongkong—Oh yes, good pay, regular hours—not too much work—just suit The Dormouse."

Here The Carpenter who had been listening impatiently, rather rudely pushed Alice aside, and continued: "Hello! Hello!—The Carpenter speaking—No; no connection with the French champion. What about this fighting job?—What's the pay?—No pay!—make what I can out of it—Nothing doing—I say, are you there?—What about a Treasury job? Any opening there?—Forty thousand applicants—Oh, Lord—No, I can't put up a premium. I say, are you there?—Any Pirate or Robber Chief billets going?—All full up—Ring off."

"Well, it has been a great privilege this exchange of views," said Alice enthusiastically. "and a great pleasure to hear the human voice again on a telephone, after many months of unsuccessful effort to do so." She turned to The Pirate:

"Can you give us any idea," she asked, "as to how all the new ideas came to your city, and how they spread there?"

The Pirate cleared his throat—a dread ful process—but before he could get out a word The Mad Hatter shouted out loudly: "Encore, encore."









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| **"CHICAGO MARU"** ..... | Wednesday, 23rd Apr. |

**BOMBAY** via Singapore and Colombo.  || **"BURMA MARU"** ..... | Friday, 4th Apr. |
| **"SHUNGO MARU"** ..... | Wednesday, 18th Apr. |

**BANGKOK, SAIGON** via SINGAPORE.  || **"BUSHO MARU"** ..... | Thursday, 1st May |

**CALCUTTA** via Singapore & Rangoon.  || **"HAGUE MARU"** (calls at Penang) | Thursday, 17th Apr. |

**VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER** via Shanghai and  
Japan Ports.  || **"BORNEO MARU"** ..... | 15th |
| **"ANNAN MARU"** ..... | 15th |
| **"ALABAMA MARU"** ..... | Sunday, 13th Apr. |

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| **"ANDES MARU"** ..... | Tuesday, 15th Apr. |

**KEELUNG** via SWATOW & AMOY.  || **"KAUO MARU"** ..... | Sunday, 6th Apr., 11 a.m. |
| **"AMAKUSA MARU"** ..... | Sunday, 13th Apr., 11 a.m. |

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## RUSSIA'S NEW MASTER.

Rykov, the newly appointed leader of the Bolshevik Soviet system of government is a man of totally different character to Lenin. He has none of the late leader's inhuman, inexorable pursuit of a political theory. He is quite human. Perhaps this is because he is a peasant himself, self-educated, self-made in every sense of the word.

Like most of the revolutionary leaders Rykov was for many years an exile, roaming from one foreign capital to another, planning, intriguing against the Czarist regime. And like so many other revolutionary workers, this silent, bearded man, with the lofty forehead of the dreamer, the eyes of the seer, and the mouth with its suggestion of latent humor, fell into a police-made trap. He was apprehended by secret service agents, secretly tried, exiled to the weary wastes of Siberia there to rot away his life.

When Kerensky set up his provisional government in 1917, he released the exiles of Siberia. Rykov's chains were struck off, he set out for the capital. A naturally thoughtful turn of mind, a thirst for knowledge, and a burning desire to work for a better Russia animated the emancipated exile. Rykov was not at all then. But he had acquired poise through suffering. He returned no blood-thirsty fanatic; rather was he a force for moderation in the revolutionary councils. He held all human life sacred. The wild orgies of Lenin horrified him. For this reason Rykov, who had headed the Moscow Soviet on his return from exile, retired. For a time his star was eclipsed by the red horror of Lenin's reign of terror.

A year later, however, he appeared on the scene again, his position strengthened rather than weakened by his refusal to lend himself to the extremism of the ferocious Lenin. He rose swiftly. He was elected by a vast majority to the chairmanship of the Soviet Executive. When Lenin was shot at and wounded in 1918, Rykov reigned in his stead.

A Russian friend who introduced me to the Bolshevik leader in 1918 told me to expect no fine manners; but not to take umbrage at what might appear boorishness in the man.

I was shown into a vast bare room in one of the converted mansions of the historic capital. Sitting at a large desk, the light of an oil lamp falling upon his dark features, his dark eyes, his black beard, sat in Gorky. Our most conversation was in German. Rykov speaks slowly, choosing his words with care—he has pronounced stutter, a hint of shyness, but nothing of the boorishness I had been led to expect.

From him I gathered—reading between the lines of his spoken words—that his heart is far from being in the wholesale carnage which had gone before the achieved revolution. Humanity looked out from his eyes, and his mouth suggested to me humor, softness, emotion.

What effect will the coming of Rykov have on the Soviet system? Scarcely as is the data that one has to go on to-day. I recall as significant a remark Rykov made to me in 1918. He said: "It is of paramount importance to Russia to restore her vast peasant industries."

There, perhaps is the cornerstone of the new regime. Under the moderate Rykov Russia's future has a fair promise. It means emancipation from fanatical political doctrines, the organized development of industries, order in place of chaos, and the re-establishment of economic relations with the outside world.

## CEYLON'S NEXT GOVERNOR.

MATTER RAISED IN IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Linfield, Mr. J. H. Thomas, said that he had received no request for the withdrawal of the Order-in-Council of October 26th, 1923, which was put into operation in Ceylon in war-time, but he proposed to ask the Governor of Ceylon whether he was of the opinion that its enforcement was still justified.

Mr. Snell drew attention to a resolution of the Ceylon National Congress in favour of the appointment as Governor of a person experienced in British public life, and suggested that the Secretary of State for the Colonies should consider the advisability of not limiting the appointment to the ranks of the Colonial Civil Service.

Mr. J. H. Thomas replied that the appointment was not limited to the Colonial Civil Service, but he could not at present state how it was likely to be filled in future.

Further replying to Mr. Linfield, Mr. Thomas said that the proposals for an alteration of the constitution of the Executive Council were being discussed with the Governor of Ceylon for some time past, and he hoped that the Governor would be in a position to make an announcement on the subject when the elections for the new Legislative Council were held.

## EX-CROWN PRINCE.

OPEN BREACH WITH KAISER.

It has become known in political circles at Berlin, that the return of the ex-Crown Prince to Germany has placed so severe a strain on the relations between him and his father that it is possible to speak of an open breach. The ex-Kaiser, as appeared from his letter published at the time, was particularly annoyed that his eldest son should have left Holland without asking his permission. It was the Prince's wish to take with him to Oost some of the articles of furniture which he had used at Wieringen, which had been lent to him by his father. Not only did the latter refuse to agree to this, but took legal steps to prevent the Prince removing the furniture without his consent.

Wilhelm II. is now telling his intimates that he was never so happy in his life as he has been since his second marriage. His present wife is said to have adopted the custom of signing herself "Kaiserin Wilhelm II." Statements to the above effect which are circulating among well-informed politicians of the Right are not calculated to promote the cause of a Hohenzollern restoration.—Daily Telegraph.

## ARCHBISHOP OF YORK ON LABOUR IN OFFICE.

At the Convocation of York on February 8th the Archbishop, referring to the change of Government, said:—"I am sure this Convocation regards the advent of the Labour Party to power with no gloomy apprehension. When any party has attained the position of being in formal Opposition in Parliament it is a matter of public importance that it should as soon as possible learn by experience the responsibilities of Government. We hope and believe that the education of responsibility will bring to the Labour Party and its Government strength and sobriety and width of vision. With an instinct of fairplay, which is one of the best and most abiding characteristics of the British people, all parties have shown their desire to give a fair chance and goodwill to the new Government. It may be that a new voice on behalf of peace in Europe, spoken by a Government which claims very specially to represent the workers of this country, may win a new response from the workers of other nations. We trust that men who know intimately the circumstances of our industrial life will bring new experience and new energy to the consideration of the ever-present problem of unemployment. There are many here representing rural districts who will add that we also hope that they will take their care the older and nobler of all industries—the tillage of the land."

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The practice of embalming the dead in ancient Egypt, said Professor Elliot-Smith in a recent lecture, was interesting for other reasons than as a strange and gruesome custom, which had made it possible for us to gaze upon the actual faces of the dominant personalities of the civilization of thirty centuries ago. The connection of mummification with the development of medical science and practice was specially intimate. It familiarized the embalmers with certain aspects of the structure of the human body, and what was far more important—prepared the mind of the people to tolerate the practice of dissection, and acquainted them with the antiseptic properties of certain vegetable and mineral substances that afterwards played an important part in the treatment of disease.

The development of the custom of mummification, moreover, was closely related to the origin of magic and medicine. The fundamental idea that prompted the invention of embalming, and determined its survival for so many centuries was the belief that it achieved something more than merely rendering the body incorruptible. It was regarded, not only as a means of prolonging indefinitely the existence of the dead person, but also as a device for conferring life upon him; in other words, of preventing the cessation of his vital activities.

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STRAITS & CALCUTTA	... "FOOKSANG"	... Wednesday, 2nd Apr., 3 p.m.	
MANILA	... "YUENSANG"	... Saturday, 5th Apr., 11 a.m.	
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	... "FAUSANG"	... Sunday, 6th Apr., 7 a.m.	
BANGKOK via SWATOW	... "HANGSANG"	... Tuesday, 8th Apr., Noon.	
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	... "WAISHING"	... Wednesday, 9th Apr., 7 a.m.	
Kobe via SHANGHAI	... "FUTSANG"	... Wednesday, 9th Apr., 7 a.m.	
TSIENTSIN	... "CHONGSHING"	... Wednesday, 9th Apr., Noon.	
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	... "FOOSHING"	... Friday, 11th Apr., 7 a.m.	
MANILA	... "SUISANG"	... Saturday, 12th Apr., 11 a.m.	
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	... "LEESANG"	... Sunday, 13th Apr., 10 a.m.	
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	... "KWONGSANG"	... Wednesday, 16th Apr., 7 a.m.	
BANGKOK via HOIHOW	... "CHUNSANG"	... Friday, 18th Apr., 10 a.m.	
Kobe via MOJI	... "LAISANG"	... Friday, 18th Apr., Noon.	
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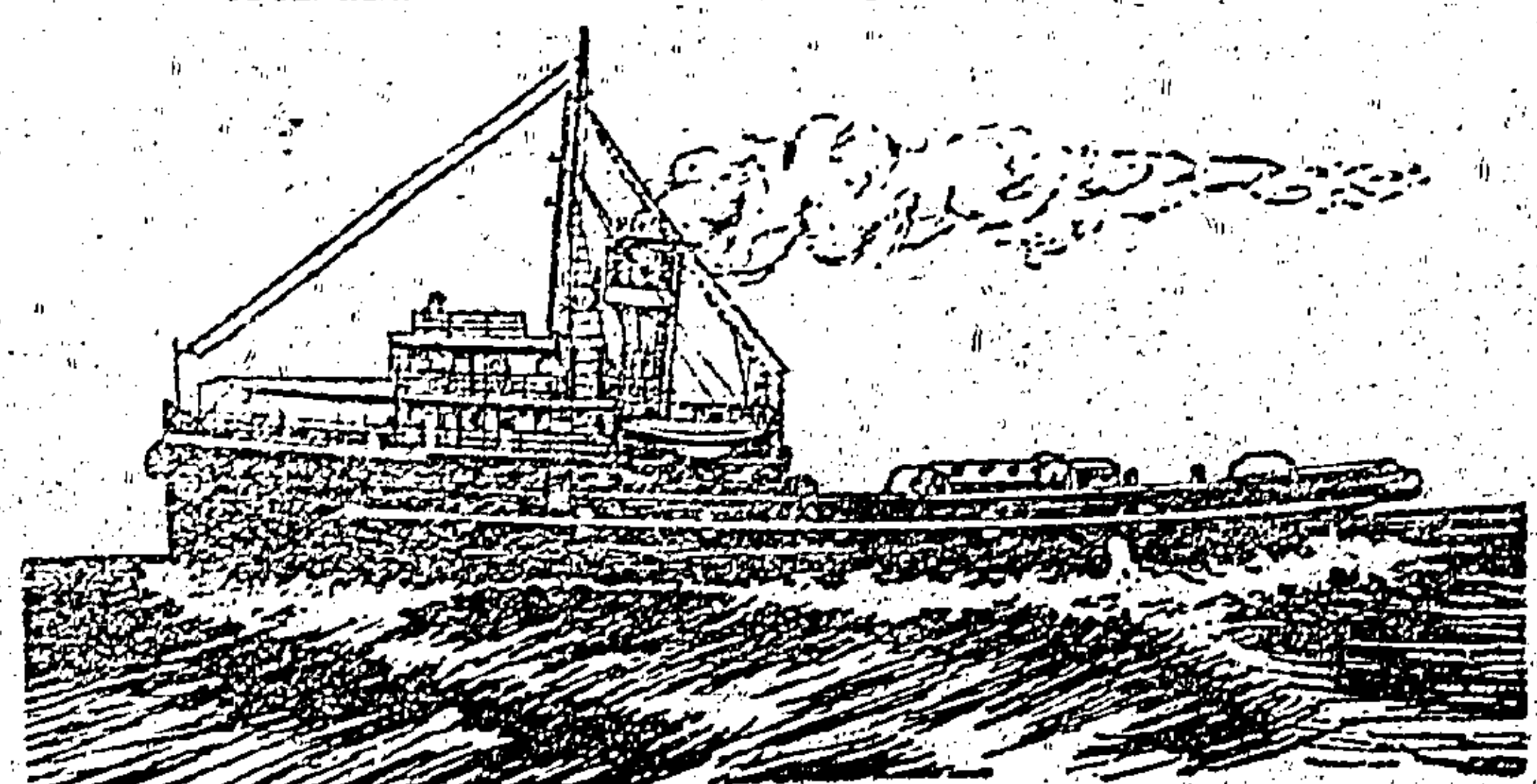
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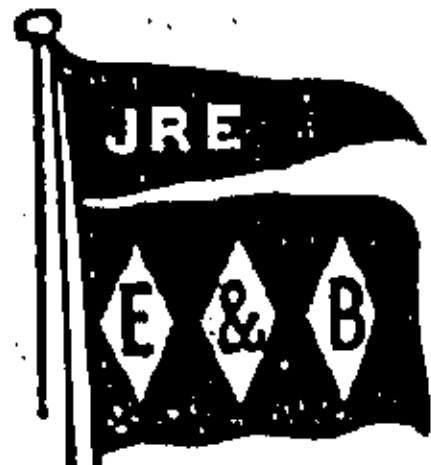






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"LAHORE"	5,252	13th April	Singapore & Bombay.
"MELBORE"	5,553	17th April	Mars., L'don, A'werp & R'dam.
"CHINA"	7,555	19th April	Marselles, London & Antwerp.
"SUDAN"	6,696	25th April	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KALYAN"	9,118	3rd May	Marselles, London & Antwerp.
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"KASHMIR"	8,953	24th May	do.
"SICILIA"	8,813	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KALYAN"	9,097	31st May	Mars., London & Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	14th June	Mars., London & Antwerp.
"SUDAN"	6,696	21st June	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MOREA"	10,911	28th June	Mars., L'don, & A'wp.
"KARMA"	8,098	12th July	do.
"SICILIA"	8,813	2nd July	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,941	28th July	Mars., L'don, & A'wp.
"DEVANHA"	8,092	28th Aug.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,902	23rd Aug.	do.
"KHYBER"	5,014	6th Sept.	do.
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"TAKADA"	6,949	25th May	do.

## EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ARAFURA"	6,000	2nd Apr., 10 a.m.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
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"KASHMIR"	8,953	6th Apr., Noon	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"GOGRA"	5,181	7th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,953	15th Apr.	do.
"PLASSY"	7,426	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 3rd Apr.	10 a.m.
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